

Submission Description: (doc-less) Motion to Intervene of Long Island Village Owners Association under CP16-454-000, et. al..

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CP16-454-000 Rio Grande LNG, LLC - Section 3 authorization
CP16-455-000 For Section 7 authorization

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Basis for Intervening:

I am filing a motion to intervene on behalf of Long Island Village, an island located less than 1.5 miles from the proposed Rio Grande LNG site. Long Island Village has 1024 homes sites housing well over 2048 residents. The Board of Directors have voted unanimously to oppose LNG Plants being built along the Brownsville Ship Channel.

Long Island Village overlooks the Laguna Madre and Brownsville Ship Channel. We purchased our homes so that many of us could retire in a resort like environment where we can breathe clean fresh air, swim in the ocean, golf, ride our bikes, enjoy shallow water fishing, and enjoy beautiful sunsets overlooking the Laguna. This entire lifestyle we have worked so hard for will be destroyed if you allow Rio Grande or any LNG plant to be built on a site located less than one and a half miles from our homes. Due to our close proximity, if an LNG plant is built here we will be sitting on our decks overlooking factories and will be exposed to air born pollutants, dust, noise and bright lights, not to mention the safety hazards associated with potential incidents at plant sites. Should there be an incident, the residents of Long Island Village would have to evacuate over an old "Swing Bridge" over the ICW and then attempt access to the only road out of the area, Highway 100.

The communities close to Long Island Village are Port Isabel and South Padre Island. You are being told that these plants are more than 9 miles from downtown Brownsville. That's true, the proposed plants are not anywhere near Brownsville. What you are not being told that they are in very close proximity to the tourists' towns of Port Isabel, South Padre Island, and Long Island Village. We are in the "so called" blast zone. We are trapped between the proposed site and the Atlantic Ocean and should we have to evacuate all three entities would have to go closer to the plants to get away from them. The combined "permanent" population of these three areas is appx. 9,000 residents. This does not include the thousands of beach goers & tourist's year round. All of us would have to evacuate on the one highway available to us, US Highway 100.

These communities are dependent on revenues from tourism. This will no longer be a tourist area if the proposed plants are built. What will

happen to the folk's dependent on the tourist traffic to support their families? The little family owned shops, the dolphin watch boats, the recreational fishing boats, the shrimpers, the bird watchers, the vacation rentals? Thousands of jobs will be affected and specialized employment at LNG plants cannot make up for that loss. What will happen to the natural habitat of the dolphins, fish, birds, Ocelots, and other animals that live in this unique area? The natural beauty of this wonderful beach environment will be destroyed if you allow the building LNG plants.

Sincerely,

Ed McBride

Long Island Village Board of Directors

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